

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Feng et al.

Application Number: to be assigned

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Title: 125 Human Secreted Proteins

Attny. Docket No. PZ020P1C1

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir :

Prior to the prosecution of the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendments. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a copy of the Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 ("Petition") filed in connection with parent application no. 09/305,736, which extends the time from December 13, 2000 to and including April 13, 2001. This Petition evidences copendency between parent application Serial No. 09/305,736 and the present application.

Amendments

In the Specification

After the title, please add the following first paragraph on page 1:

-- This application is a continuation application of U.S. Application No. 09/305,736, filed May 5, 1999, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety, which is a continuation-in-part of, and claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of copending United States patent application Serial No: PCT/US98/23435, filed November 4, 1998, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on U.S. Provisional Applications:

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1.	07 November 1997	60/064,911	8.	07 November 1997	60/064,984
2.	07 November 1997	60/064,912	9.	07 November 1997	60/064,985
3.	07 November 1997	60/064,983	10.	17 November 1997	60/064,094
4.	07 November 1997	60/064,900	11.	17 November 1997	60/066,100
5.	07 November 1997	60/064,988	12.	17 November 1997	60/066,089
6.	07 November 1997	60/064,987	13.	17 November 1997	60/066,095
7.	07 November 1997	60/064,908	14.	17 November 1997	60/066,090

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In the Claims

Please amend the claim 17 as follows:

17. (Amended) A method for preventing, treating, or ameliorating a medical condition, comprising administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of the polypeptide of claim 11.

Please add the following claim:

-- 24. A method for preventing, treating, or ameliorating a medical condition, comprising administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of the polynucleotide of claim 1. --

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to add priority information. The claims have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter applicants regard as the invention. Support for new claim 24 can be found throughout the application as filed. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the

changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants believe that no fee is required for this submission. However, should a fee be due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 08-3425

Respectfully submitted

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claim 17 has been amended as follows:

17. (Amended) A method for preventing, treating, or ameliorating a medical condition, comprising administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of the polypeptide of claim 11 [the polynucleotide of claim 1].